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Medical Office (Staff) *

The Medical Office (MO), one of the principal support offices in the DD/A group whose origins go back to 1946-47, was re-assigned to the DD/S group (during the February 1955 reorganization) and renamed the Medical Staff (MS). The principal internal organizational changes between January 1953 and December 1956 were as follows, according to the quarterly editions of the Agency directory.

As of January 1953 the Medical Office consisted of the "Chief, Medical Staff," Dr. John R. Tietjen; his Deputy Chief, Dr. [redacted] and six major units as follows, located in Central Building with two exceptions:

Administrative Services Division (ASD)
[redacted]
Technical Services Division (TSD)
[redacted]
Program Coordination Division (PCD)
Special Support Division, or SSD ([redacted]

By April 1953 a Psychiatric Division (PD) was added, so the Agency directory indicates. (This function was probably not new in CIA in 1953, however, and should be further checked in other more reliable historical sources.)

A second "new" component (new, at least, in the directory) was the Physical Requirements Officer, which appeared in October 1954. Finally a '[redacted] Branch" was added, by October 1956, presumably to the Administrative Support Division.

The other changes were apparently minor changes in nomenclature only, but should be further appraised for their historical significance. E.g., the Administrative Services Division (ASD) was renamed the Administrative Support Division, sometime late in 1953; and the Special Support Division became the Special Support Staff (SSS), by April 1953.

* Excerpt (p. 38) from Historical Staff study, "Organizational 'Genealogy' of the DD/A and DD/S Group, 1953-56" (July 16, 1957); for entire study see HS folder "DD/S (1953-56)." - 38 -

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